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SUBJECT: MOBUTU DENIES GOZ INVOLVEMENT IN DIAWARE PLOT
AGAINST NGOUABI

REF: KINSHASA 1519

1. CONGOLESE PRESIDENT NGOUABI CROSSED RIVER APRIL 16
BY HELICOPTER AND HAD ONE HOUR IMPROMPTU VISIT WITH
MOBUTU. AFTERWARD TWO PRESIDENTS WERE INTERVIEWED
TOGETHER ON KINSHASA TV, STANDING IN GROUNDS OF
PRESIDENCY ON MOUNT NGALIEMA . NGOUABI, APPEARING VERY
MUCH AT EASE REPLIED BLANDLY TO QUESTIONS. MOBUTU
APPEARED DEFIANT AND UNCOMFORTABLE AS HE RESPONDED AT
LENGTH TO SINGLE QUESTION FROM CONGOLESE REPORTER AS
TO WHETHER HE READY TO HELP NGOUABI ASCERTAIN DETAILS
OF VISIT TO KINSHASA OF CONGOLESE REBEL DIAWARA AND HIS
ACCOMPLICES.

2. MOBUTU POINTED OUT ALLEGED VISIT HAD OCCURRED
WHILE HE WAS VISITING CHINA. HE SAID WHOLE AFFAIRE
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WAS A PROVOCATION BECAUSE IT OBVIOUS THAT HE AND DIAWARA HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON. HE ADMITTED, WITHOUT ELABORATING, THAT HE HAD AUTHORIZED TRANSFER OF 3 MILLION CFA FRANCS BY A CERTAIN FRENCHMAN. HE SAID WHOLE FILE IN THAT CASE HAD BEEN SHOWN TO NGOUABI. HE RIDICULED IDEA THAT SO SMALL A SUM COULD HAVE BEEN USED TO PROMOTE DOWNFALL OF NGOUABI'S REGIME. HE OBSERVED THAT THIS AMOUNT WOULD NOT EVEN PAY THE 360 GARDENERS IN MOUNT NGALIEMA GROUNDS.

3. MOBUTU SAID ZAIRE HAS NO INTEREST IN SEEING DIAWARA COME TO POWER IN CONGO OR IN SEEING DISORDER THERE. HE UNDERTOOK TO EXAMINE ANY EVIDENCE THAT GOZ OFFICIALS SHELTERED DIAWARA. IF IT WERE PRESENTED HE WOULD MAKE IT HIS BUSINESS TO LEARN WHOSE ORDERS GOZ OFFICIALS HAD ACTED ON. HE SAID ZAIRE CONTINUED TO CONSIDER ITS RELATIONS WITH CONGO (B) AS GOVERNED BY AGREEMENT AT FRANCEVILLE (AGUST 1972, RESTORING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN CONGO AND ZAIRE).

4. MOBUTU CONCLUDED INTERVIEW WITH CLEARLY HEARTFELT OBSERVATION THAT HE FOUND THIS WHOLE AFFAIR IRRITATING (AGACANT). VANCE

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